

paper each morning, checking the fax machine so it works properly, knowing the right contacts in the Superintendent's office when something needs fixing—these sometimes seemingly little things are of big importance. Julie had a keen eye for catching those little things and always looked after them to ensure that everyone else could do their job better. She is ever dependable, ever reliable. When Julie gets an assignment, you know it will get done and get done right.

I know I speak on behalf of the entire Rahall staff, as well as the staffs of the Natural Resources and Transportation and Infrastructure Committees who have had the pleasure of working with her, when I say that Julie will be deeply missed. We wish her a most enjoyable retirement. We won't ever forget her and neither will scores of citizens who have benefited from her service to the Nation.

H.R. 674 AND H.R. 2576

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to vote in support of H.R. 674, which would repeal the onerous requirement that federal, state, and local government entities withhold three percent of payments to government contractors. Although never put into effect, the requirement would constitute a significant burden on all levels of government, which are presently sorely lacking in resources. Withholding three percent of payments was unsound policy when enacted by the Republican Congress in 2005, and I gladly will help my colleagues on the other side of the aisle correct their mistake.

I am less disposed to be helpful on H.R. 2576, a bill to adjust the definition of "modified adjusted gross income," MAGI, so that fewer Americans qualify for tax credits under the Affordable Care Act. This strikes me at best as a solution in search of a non-existent problem. To add insult to injury, H.R. 2576 will cause American families, seniors, and those with disabilities to pay more for their healthcare at a time when they can least afford it. I have spent my entire career fighting to ensure working American families have access to affordable, good-quality healthcare. Supporting H.R. 2576 would be in direct contravention of that goal, and I cannot in good conscience do so. I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on it.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude by noting the rascality underlying the rule for H.R. 674 and H.R. 2576. It allows separate votes on both bills—one non-controversial and the other very controversial—and then requires they be merged for consideration by the Senate. I oppose this sort of legislating and believe each chamber should be allowed to work its will on separate items, rather than forced to accept bad policy in the guise of procedural tricks and faux compromise. This is skullduggery at its finest, Mr. Speaker, and an unnecessary affront to regular order, which your side so consistently claims to cherish.

TRIBUTE TO USS "CALIFORNIA"

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, on behalf of the California Delegation, to honor and pay tribute to the USS *California* (SSN-781), a Virginia-class submarine and the first submarine to be named after the Golden State. On the occasion of the submarine's commissioning, we could not be more proud to have one of the world's most modern and sophisticated nuclear-powered attack submarines named for the state of California.

The contract to build her was awarded to Northrop Grumman Newport News (now Huntington Ingalls Industries Newport News Shipbuilding) in Newport News, Virginia, on August 14, 2003. Construction began in December 2006. *California's* keel was laid down on May 1, 2009. She was christened on November 6, 2010, sponsored by Donna Willard, wife of Admiral Robert F. Willard. The *California* was launched eight days later, on November 14, 2010. The commissioning has been scheduled for October 29, 2011 by the Secretary of the Navy. USS *California* will be homeported at Groton, Connecticut.

Designed to meet the Navy's requirements in a post-Cold War era, Virginia-class submarines use advanced technologies to increase firepower, maneuverability and stealth. Along with other Virginia-class submarines, the *California* is tailored to excel in a wide range of warfighting missions with several innovations that significantly enhance its warfighting capabilities, especially in the littoral environment. The ship has a fly-by-wire ship control system that provides improved shallow-water ship handling. The class has special features to support special operation forces and prolonged deployments. Advanced technology is employed to provide the ship's company enhanced situational awareness and is designed to remain state of the practice for its entire operational life through rapid introduction of new systems and payloads.

Previous ships bearing the USS *California* name have a long and storied history. The first USS *California*, a screw propelled frigate, was christened in 1869. In 1941, the USS *California* (BB-44) was the flagship of the U.S. Pacific fleet stationed in Pearl Harbor. She was badly damaged by Japanese torpedoes, and partially sunk. The three crewmen serving aboard the battleship that day were posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for acts of bravery in saving the lives of their shipmates. A few months later, the *California* was salvaged and repaired, and served in the Pacific theater during the final two years of World War II. She was present at several crucial battles in the Pacific theater, including the Battle of Surigao Strait—the last naval engagement fought by opposing battleships.

The most recent USS *California* (CGN-26) was the lead ship of her class of nuclear powered guided missile cruisers and was also a vital part of the U.S. fleet from her launch in 1971 to her retirement in 1999. She was known as the "Golden Grizzly," in recognition of the grizzly bear on the California state flag. We are pleased that the USS *California* (SSN-781) will follow in the footsteps of previous ships that have served this great country so proudly.

California is a state with a long naval history and strong naval tradition. The entire California Delegation is proud to welcome the USS *California* as the eighth U.S. Navy ship named after our home state. We have no doubt that she, and her crew, will serve our country honorably.

The following are the names of the Members of the California Congressional Delegation in support of the USS *California*:

MIKE THOMPSON, WALLY HERGER, DANIEL LUNGREN, TOM MCCLINTOCK, DORIS MATSUI, GEORGE MILLER, JOHN GARAMENDI, JERRY MCNERNEY, JACKIE SPEIER, PETE STARK, ANNA ESHOO, MIKE HONDA, ZOE LOFGREN, SAM FARR, DENNIS CARDOZA, JEFF DENHAM, JIM COSTA, DEVIN NUNES, KEVIN MCCARTHY, LOIS CAPPAS, ELTON GALLEGLY, HOWARD "BUCK" MCKEON, DAVID DREIER, BRAD SHERMAN, HOWARD BERMAN, ADAM SCHIFF, HENRY WAXMAN, XAVIER BECERRA, JUDY CHU, KAREN BASS, LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, MAXINE WATERS, JANICE HAHN, LAURA RICHARDSON, GRACE NAPOLITANO, LINDA SANCHEZ, EDWARD ROYCE, JERRY LEWIS, GARY MILLER, JOE BACA, KEN CALVERT, MARY BONO MACK, DANA ROHRBACHER, LORETTA SANCHEZ, JOHN CAMPBELL, DARRELL ISSA, BRIAN BILBRAY, BOB FILNER, DUNCAN HUNTER, and SUSAN DAVIS.

HONORING THE PALMYRA HIGH SCHOOL LADY PANTHERS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Palmyra High School Lady Panthers softball team for winning the Class 2 Missouri State Championship on October 22, 2011.

The young women and their coaches should be commended for all their hard work throughout the regular season and bringing home the state softball championship to their school and community.

The Lady Panthers were hungry for a win and proudly demonstrated that competitive spirit by beating the undefeated Pleasant Hope High School Pirates softball team for the title. This is their fourth softball title in just six years.

I ask that you join me in recognizing the Palmyra Lady Panthers for a job well done.

HONORING TED WELCH

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, the true greatness of our state and country lies in the creativity, integrity, and passion of its people, and we are fortunate to be surrounded by mighty examples of dedication to leadership, service, and support of the arts. I rise today to honor Ted Welch as he receives the Applause Award. Given each year to those who devote their time, talents, and treasures to the performing arts and arts education in Middle Tennessee, Ted Welch joins Tim McGraw as this year's deserved recipients.

Engaged in process of democracy and faithful to the causes of his calling, Ted Welch can be found working with various political organizations, the foundation of the Schermerhorn Symphony Center, or the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce. Throughout his years of public service, Welch remained a key figure in TPAC's past. His allegiance to his community is notable and remains part of what makes Middle Tennessee one of the best places to call "home."

A successful arts program is one of the markers of a successful community, and I am thankful for all those who remain devoted to the Tennessee Performing Arts Center and its Education Programs. Through music, theater, ballet, and art, TPAC provides elevated experiences to Middle Tennessee patrons. I rise today to honor Ted Welch for his loyalty to not only the arts in his community, but his community as a whole. I ask my colleagues to join with me, his wife Colleen, and his children and grandchildren, in honoring Ted Welch for supporting for the betterment of his neighbors.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF MR.
STEVE JOBS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Steve Jobs, the former CEO of Apple Incorporated.

Mr. Jobs was born February 24, 1955 and graduated from Homestead High School in Cupertino, California. Steve would then attend lectures at Hewlett-Packard Company in Palo Alto, California, where he met future business partner Steve Wozniak. After attending Stanford, Steve was hired by Atari where he created the circuit board for the game "Breakout."

Mr. Jobs' invention of the personal computer happened in his family garage, where the company name "Apple" stemmed from his favorite fruit and where the technological word byte was also created. His vision included condensing computers to box size and having them introduced into the masses. In order to initiate their new company, Jobs sold his Volkswagen Micro Bus and business partner Steve Wozniak sold his HP scientific calculator to raise funds to begin Apple.

Later on in life Steve purchased The Graphics Group which later became Pixar. In 1995 he was executive producer for the Pixar movie "Toy Story." Years later Disney would buy Pixar and Steve would sit on the Disney committee for Disney's Pixar animation business. He was a pioneer and innovator. In August of 2011 Steve resigned as CEO of Apple to concentrate on his health. He died on October 5th, 2011 as the former founder, chairman, and CEO of Apple Incorporated.

The work Steve accomplished throughout his life was invaluable towards personalizing the computer and paved the way for the future of the technological world. In 2007, Steve was inducted into the California Hall of Fame and was recognized by Forbes as the most powerful person in business. Billions of people have benefited from Mr. Jobs' work which ranges from the Mac computer and iPhone, to the many Disney Pixar films.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me remembering Mr. Steve Jobs as we honor his work and life as an innovator and offer condolences to his family and friends.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 806 I had district work that required my presence. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

RED RIBBON WEEK

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Mr. REYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for a very special occasion to congratulate all of the students who participated in the first annual Red Ribbon Poster Contest. I started the Red Ribbon Poster Contest in an effort to engage El Paso area students in this nationwide initiative. I encouraged students to join this effort by asking them to create and submit a poster incorporating "Say No to Drugs, Say Yes to Life" theme. More than 100 students from elementary, middle, and high schools submitted posters, and the winning posters are currently being displayed at El Paso's Main Public Library.

Red Ribbon Week originated in 1988 for the purpose of honoring the life of DEA Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was brutally tortured and killed by drug traffickers in Mexico 26 years ago. It is the largest advocacy effort in the nation for the prevention of drug use. By wearing a red ribbon during the week of October 23rd through the 31st, students, counselors, parents, teachers, and community leaders come together across the country to demonstrate their opposition to drugs and to promote a drug-free environment.

Approximately 80 million people participate in Red Ribbon Week events each year. Red Ribbon Week is dedicated to help preserve Camarena's memory and further the cause for which he gave his life: the fight against drug violence and drug addiction. I was fortunate to personally know "Kiki" Camarena while I was serving in the Border Patrol. It is fitting that our nation remembers him by observing Red Ribbon Week each year. The El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC), located on Fort Bliss and operated by DEA, was dedicated to the memory of Agent Camarena.

This year's Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest winners are: Jonathan Lopez of O'Donnell Elementary School, Yesenia Webb of St. Pius School, Yari Castro of Immanuel Christian School, Ashley Mercado of Edgemere Elementary School, Andrea Castaneda of Faith Christian Academy, Jose Galarza of Ysleta Middle School, Nicole Luna of Hanks High School, Christian Rodriguez of Hanks High School, Christian Caballero of Parkland High School.

I would also like to include in the RECORD a list of all the students who participated in the Red Ribbon Poster Contest.

Aaron Ordaz, Abatrice Moncayo, Abby Castillo, Adriana Escajeda, Aileen Velasquez, Aldo Yañez, Alec Warling, Alex Britton, Alexah Delgado, Alexander Hutsell, Aliyah Guerrero, Amber Ochoa, Amelia Gonzalez, Analiese Ramirez, Andrea Castaneda, Angel Rodriguez, Angeline Ashley Martinez, Annabelle Cordero, Annette Orquiz.

Antonio Lopez Jr., Aparna Mangadu, Ariana Gonzalez, Ashley Clinton, Ashley De La Rosa, Ashley Hernandez, Ashley Mercado, Astryd Estrada, Athena Najjar, Azul Saray Martinez, Bella Ozomaro, Brandon Tellez, Brendan Galindro, Briana Carranza, Brianna D. Sanchez, Brittney Baca, Bryan Arenivas, Casandra Atilano, Cesar O. Davila, Cheyenne Jones.

Christian Caballero, Christian Rodriguez, Christopher Torres, D.J. Betancis, Daniela Tribaldos, Danielle Darbonnier, Dante Amato, Danya Navarrette, Darcy Hdz, Dariana Rubio, Dario Martinez, David Romero, David Samario, Destiny Avila, Devon Segovia, Diego Cardenas, Diego Samaniego, Eileen Matamoros-Horstman, Elizabeth Hernandez, Emilio I. Aguilar.

Emily Feria, Fancie Loubet, Ghicel Nuñez, Giseel Pulido, Hailey Swisher, Ines Figueroa, Isaac Ramirez, Isai Guerrero, Isaiyah Gonzales, Isaiyah Hernandez, Isaiyah Orozco, Ivan Arenivas, Ivan Palomars, Jacob Gutierrez, Jacob Parker, Jacqueline Martinez, Jacqueline Olivas, Jacquelyn Garcia, Jade Zamora, Janeth Escajeda.

Janice Mendoza, Jasmín Espinoza, Jasmine Tomlinson, Jayda Zamora, Jessica Gallegos, Jesus Sanchez, Jette Sagely, Joel Rangel, Jonathan Lopez, Jonathan Ortega, Jose Alberto Martinez, Jose Galarza, Joseline Avila, Joselyn Moreno, Joseph Gomez, Julian Robledo, Julianna Pluma, Julie Escalera, Julio Retana Rodriguez, Kara Reid.

Katelyn Riffle, Katrina Jimenez, Kyler Z. Jones, Lazaro Flores, Lennon Romo, Liliana Barrientos, Lynelle N. Villa, Madison Routledge, Maria Cortez, Mark Usevitch, Marlene Gonzalez, Megan Custer, Melissa Carrera, Mia Olivas, Michelle Soto, Miguel Sotelo, Miguel Velazco, Milka Serrano, Monika Ortiz, Monique Ramos.

Naomi Nava, Natalia Bustillos, Nathan Gandara, Nathaniel Lucero, Nicholas Salcedo, Nicole Luna, Noel Tamayo, Oscar Valladolid, Paolo Velazquez, Paulina Acosta Amaya, Phuumin Houser, Ravin Carico, Regina Perez, Robert Granados, Rosemary Vozza, Rudy Meraz, Ryan Rose, Sabreeyah Moody, Samantha A. Sanchez, Samantha Torres.

Samuel Pardo Jr., Sarah Lovett, Selena Ogawa, Sergio Cox, Severa Swiger, Shayla Rey, Simone Gordon, Sophia McCray, Stephanie Siqueiros, Steven Felix, Toni Cobos, Trinity Cordero, Victoria Mendez, Yamilet Acevedo, Yari Castro, Yesenia Webb, Zianya Larios.

Once again, I would like to congratulate this year's winners and thank all students and schools that participated in the Red Ribbon Poster Contest.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FAIR HOUSING MEMORIAL AUTHORIZATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce, together with the co-sponsor Representative KEN CALVERT, the Fair Housing Memorial Authorization Act, to commemorate the accomplishments of the fair housing movement